

HOUSE STOICAL ON EVE OF TRIAL AS SLAYER OF MRS. EASTLAKE

presided when Eastlake was acquitted last December, will be on the bench and is understood to be as strongly opposed to permitting the minor children of Eastlake, Roger, Jr., eight years old, and Margaret, six years old, testifying in Miss Knox's trial as he was against their taking the stand in their father's trial.

Nurse Keeps Silence.
The Baltimore nurse, who, by her letters to Eastlake, read at his trial, would appear to have been on more than friendly terms with the Eastlakes, has maintained silence which borders on stoniness during her incarceration at the Richmond city jail. From the time of her arrest she has revealed no emotion except pity for Eastlake and the desire to see him restored to his little son and daughter.

She maintained at the beginning of the case that "Roger knows no more about Margaret's death than I do," a paradoxical statement which was not unraveled at Eastlake's trial and which will be scrutinized by twelve residents of Westmoreland County to be empaneled next week.

History of Tragedy.
Ordinarily a peaceful community, the northern neck of Virginia was shocked last fall at the diabolical hacking-to-death of Mrs. Eastlake. The murdered woman was attacked in the kitchen of her home, before she had dressed, and was found with twenty-nine stab wounds in her body, evidently inflicted with a blood-stained hatchet which later was discovered in the yard of the Eastlake home.

The hour was approximately 5:30 in the morning, for the Eastlake children were still asleep, and the nurse testified he had left his family safe and sound a few minutes earlier. Before 6 o'clock the crime was discovered by neighbors, who were attracted to the Eastlake home by Miss Knox, who said at the inquest that she was on the premises to pay an early morning call, and, on receiving no response at the door, entered the home to find the body of Mrs. Eastlake in a pool of blood on the kitchen floor.

Eastlake was summoned from the launch on which he was to report for duty at Dahlgren naval station, twenty miles below Colonial Beach. He and the nurse immediately were placed under arrest, held by the coroner's jury and later jointly indicted by the grand jury.

Feeling Still Against Him.
Despite the acquittal, just before Christmas, feeling in this community is strong against Eastlake, and the question has arisen as to the propriety of his returning to testify in Miss Knox's trial. He has been quoted as saying that he would leave no stone unturned to bring to justice the slayer of his wife.

In his anxiety to fix responsibility for the crime on one of the two people held by the grand jury, Commonwealth Attorney Watt T. Mayor wishes to have Eastlake, whom he prosecuted so vigorously, testify for the State, but if Eastlake does so it will be voluntarily.

Wrote of Impending Visit.
Letters between the nurse and Eastlake carry their friendship through the war and up to within three days of the slaying of Mrs. Eastlake, when Miss Knox wrote from Baltimore:

"I give you one more chance to come here; see me; if you do not come, I will have no other course except to come to the beach and I will not promise what I will do then. This is not a threat, but I warn you if you are not here by the 11th (September), I will come to the beach for my things and end everything."

The letters between Miss Knox and Eastlake, when copied by typewriter, constituted more than ninety pages of manuscript. They referred frequently to meetings, monetary matters between them and Margaret Eastlake, the victim of the hideous murder of last September.

To Use Letters Against Her.
Residents of Colonial Beach testified to Miss Knox's haunting Eastlake both at Colonial Beach and at Dahlgren Naval Station where he was on duty in his capacity of chief mechanic's mate. Her trips from Baltimore and Cape May, N. J., to the home of her sister, to Colonial Beach were periodic through last summer and the summer before, according to postmarks and date lines on the letters produced in Eastlake's trial.

In Eastlake's personal effects as well as Miss Knox's and were not intended for use against Eastlake so much as they were against Miss Knox. The defense, however, learning of their contents, demanded their production in court as proving a motive for Miss Knox committing the crime.

They were the sensation of the Eastlake trial and were called for on the last day by Eastlake's attorneys and read aloud in court. This step on the part of Eastlake's attorneys is said to have been the turning point in the case, despite the fact that only circumstantial evidence had been produced against him.

Miss Knox, because of her visits to Colonial Beach, was known in the Virginia community as the "mystery woman." She seemed to arrive under cover of darkness and depart likewise. When she went abroad in daylight she spoke to few people and had the habit of a recluse. She was known among the negroes of this section as "the eight-foot woman," who ate her meals of soda crackers and canned things in her hotel room and wandered up and down the roads at evenings, apparently waiting for somebody.

Fifty citizens of Westmoreland county have been summoned as the venire from which a jury of twelve will be selected next Tuesday for the trial of Miss Knox.

INDIANA FETE MAY 1.
Dr. William Lowe Bryan, who has just completed his twentieth year as president of the Indiana University, will be guest of honor and principal speaker at the Indiana University day celebration to be held Monday night, May 1, at the University Club.

FIGURES IN TRAGEDY



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SENATORS FIRM FOR CASH PLAN IN YANK BONUS

Informal Canvass Indicates G. O. P. Members Will Insist on Money Clause.

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Frelinghuysen of New Jersey, supported Smoot's plan; Senators Watson, McCumber, and Sutherland of West Virginia, holding out against it.

The plan which Smoot discussed recently with President Harding he estimated could be financed for \$2,500,000,000 as compared with \$4,500,000,000 which would be required by the House bill. He figured that \$150,000,000 yearly would be all that would be necessary to meet the insurance payments. He proposed that the policy should mature at the end of twenty years.

McCumber was understood to have objected to the plan chiefly because it did not possess any "loan provision" which would permit ex-service men to borrow money on the proposed policy.

Some of the committee members favored the House certificate plan, but opposed its land settlement feature. It was suggested that Congress would probably have to fall back finally upon the proposal originally made several months ago for the issuance of certificates of indebtedness to be defrayed from interest payments on the British debt which it was understood President Harding believed would be available in ample time to take care of the bonus.

Pronounced opposition among Republican Senators to the House certificate plan would necessitate "important modifications" being made, McCumber admitted, and when the committee members finally adjourned until Monday without being able to reach any definite conclusions the situation was left "fraught with the grave difficulties" which Senator Watson previously said it possessed.

RULES MADE BY HUSBAND WIN WIFE DIVORCE

"I Am a Technical Man, and Not Affectionate," She Quotes Spouse.

OAKLAND, Cal., April 22.—Ten rules of conduct which she alleges her husband demanded she observe if they were to continue a loveless marital partnership for the sake of the baby, won a divorce for Mrs. Beatrice R. Stone, young society matron of this city.

Mrs. Stone contended the rules were cruel, and upon this ground Judge St. Sure granted her an interlocutory decree of divorce and awarded her \$100 a month alimony and the custody of the baby.

The rules were as follows:
1. Alcoholic liquors not to be served in home of couple for any purpose.
2. Alcoholic liquors never to be served in the presence of baby at any time.

3. No intoxicated person ever to be permitted in presence of baby.
4. Wife to refrain from all use of intoxicating liquors entirely.

5. Husband to refrain from use of bad language in presence of baby.
6. Wife not to visit parents except on specific occasions.

7. While husband absent on business wife not to take baby to home of parents as was her custom. Instead wife was to remain alone at home except for woman who was to be hired to stay by the hour. No relatives permitted.

8. Husband to visit parents one Sunday a month. Wife could come along if she so choose.
9. Baby never to be left with wife's mother if wife went out.

Mrs. Stone said she reproached her husband because he showed her no affection and quoted him as replying:

"I am a technical man and technical men are not affectionate."

PRINCE THINKS U. S. GIRLS PRETTIEST

Nephew of Egyptian King Bids Reluctant Farewell After Three Months' Stay.

NEW YORK, April 22.—Prince Mohammed Ali Al Ibrahim, nephew of the King of Egypt, accompanied by his faithful secretary, boxing instructor and counselor, Benik Mo-Clokey, twenty-five trunks and a sporty, yellow automobile, sailed for Cairo today on the liner Olympic, after bidding a reluctant farewell to New York.

The prince was three months in this country and spent \$60,000. But it was well worth it, he declared, because he found the American woman to be the most charming and beautiful in the world. The youthful member of Egypt's royal family said he was going to return here again to spend six months.

He said he had met some of the film stars in Hollywood and Los Angeles and enjoyed the time.

"They look more beautiful on the screen than away from it," he declared. Only the royal wish of his uncle, the king, to see him hasten his departure, the prince said, was responsible for his going.

"Blink," adjusting his glasses, proudly declared the prince, had plenty more money to spend and to prove it showed \$20,000 the prince had entrusted to him.

Stockholders in Italian Line Stand to Lose

The United States Government can do nothing more than it already has done to save stockholders in the defunct steamship company, the Italian Star Line, Inc., from further loss, the Shipping Board announced yesterday.

The board, the statement said, already had advanced over \$50,000 from the United States Treasury, of which "probably not a dollar would ever be paid back for the going."

The company, it was said, now owes more than \$1,500,000, with cash in the hands of the receiver to pay its debts less than \$2,000.

\$26,500 in Counterfeit Puts Man Behind Bars

Louis Harris, former Philadelphia business man, under arrest at Minneapolis, had in his possession "photographic impressions" of \$26,500 of United States currency, Chief Morin of the Secret Service announced last night.

Moran said he still is waiting for a detailed report from his agents at Minneapolis. Meanwhile Harris is being held in \$10,000 bond. The Secret Service is seeking to find out how Harris came into possession of the photographic impressions, and what he intended to make of them.

Petition for Soldier Bonus and Sales Tax

WE respectfully petition Congress to pass the Soldiers' Bonus Act without further delay and also to levy a Sales Tax to obtain the money to pay the Bonus.

Name _____

Address _____

Paste additional paper here for more signatures and addresses. Forward petition when complete to PETITION EDITOR, The Washington Times, Washington, D. C.

SEXTON USES RADIO



W. B. COLLINS, sexton of the Presbyterian Church of the Covenant, operates the radio broadcasting outfit which sends out the sermons of the Rev. Charles Wood three times each Sunday. This is the first set of its kind ever installed in a church.

JAPAN REFUSES TO LEVEE GIVES WAY NAME MOVING DATE NEAR NEW ORLEANS

Breaks Off With China When Asked to Fix Time of Quitting Siberia.

International News Service.
Japan has again refused to set a definite date for the evacuation of Siberia and is now engaged in pouring fresh troops into the Maritime province, just outside the neutral zone, according to cable advices from China made public here last night by representatives of the Far East Republic.

The following cablegram was received from the Minister of foreign affairs of the China government.

"On April 6, the Dairen negotiations were broken off. An agreement had almost been reached concerning all questions except that of fixing the date of evacuation. The Japanese military leaders refused to fix the date of evacuation and demanded that we should first sign the general treaty."

"They have brought forward a new demand, i. e., we should not increase our fleet in Vladivostok. We answered that we were ready to consider and discuss all of the Japanese propositions, but that first it would be necessary to fix the date of evacuation. Then the Japanese delegation declared that they had received instructions from Tokyo to break off negotiations."

"The Japanese have already begun the occupation of the Maritime Province outside of the neutral zone."

Kills Oldest Outlaw of Kentucky's Hills

PAINTSVILLE, Ky., April 22.—Kentucky's oldest outlaw has just met death. He was Thomas Collins, eighty-three, and he was shot and instantly killed by Ben Crum at the latter's home in the Johnson county mountains.

It is said the aged man started on a rampage with a shotgun. He first killed a dog belonging to Crum's brother and shot two cows belonging to the same man.

When he knocked at Ben Crum's home Crum's wife told him that her husband was not at home. Collins fired at her, the charge narrowly missing.

Crum was near the house, and, attracted by the commotion, entered by a rear door, got his gun and killed Collins.

Million Lives Saved By Near East Relief

One million lives were saved in the Near East in the past year through service rendered by the Near East Relief Commission. It was declared yesterday in the commission's annual report to Congress.

The commission stated that 500,000 lives were "daily dependent" upon American relief for existence and declared that the "need for medical aid was so vast as to almost defy attempts to meet it."

More than \$70,000,000 were spent on relief work, the report added.

Seven Changes Made In W. Va. School Books

CHARLESTON, W. Va., April 22.—The State board of education has made seven changes in text books to be used in the State in the next five years.

After three days of executive session, five readers, one physiology and one language book were adopted. The new books include:

"Child's Work," published by B. F. Johnson & Co., Richmond; "Elean Reader," "Our English," and "Healthy Living," all published by New York firms.

STRIKE PARLEY FAILS.

LONDON, April 22.—Negotiation between employers and the engineer trades have again broken down, it was announced today. The locking out of additional workmen is expected to result.

DR. BOYD TO SPEAK.

The Men's Good Will Club will be addressed by Dr. Thomas Parker Boyd, of San Francisco, Cal., on the subject of "Psychology of Business Efficiency," Monday evening at 8 o'clock.

FRENCH MAY BOLT GENOA CONFERENCE

Meeting is Held Together by Thread as New Crisis Jeopardizes Success.

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ers that sent the first letter to the Germans—Great Britain, France, Italy, Belgium, Japan, Poland, Rumania, Czechoslovakia and Yugoslavia—will meet tomorrow to frame the new note to the Germans.

"The main object is to exclude the Germans from the first sub-committee on all questions relating to Russia," M. Barthou said. "It means not only from discussions of subjects covered in the treaty as the Germans interpreted it."

New Difficulty Arises.

The Russian attitude on debts was a second specter that threatened to wreck this afternoon's sessions of the sub-committee. Barthou injected the Russian memorandum, issued yesterday, which flatly repudiated wartime debts and was most ambiguous as to the pre-war debt.

Barthou said the French delegation had been instructed not to sit with the Russians until the Russian memorandum had been passed on by the "Big Five." Lloyd George replied that the memorandum had not been issued officially to the conference. Barthou replied that the memorandum repudiated everything the official reply pretended to promise. Titcherlin during the day had given the International News Service a statement to the effect that the memorandum was an official memorandum, and that the Russians had recognized wartime debts and would not do so.

It was generally believed tonight that the conference will be held up again until the Germans answer the new note which this answer is not satisfactory to the French, observers believe the French will bolt the conference.

The heated discussion between Barthou and Lloyd George gave evidence that the French are not far from a break now.

King Conference Visitor.

The presence of the King of Italy at today's session was believed to have had a pacifying influence. The French delegates were plainly aching to unleash their wrath against both Lloyd George for his statement that the "incident" of the treaty of Rapallo was closed and the Germans themselves for their reply. The King came ashore from the warship that brought him here and was accorded a big ovation. He tendered a luncheon on the vessel to the leading delegates. M. Titcherlin, when presented to him, declared:

"I see by your warm reception, you are a real father to your people."

Credit For Russia Presents Great Conference Problem

By LINCOLN STEFFENS.
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GENOA, April 22.—The international economic conference has gone underground to tackle its real purpose—a purpose which the Russians describe as "credit without empire."

How can financial capital be obtained without losing sovereignty? That is the question asked by the Russians citing Cuba, Turkey, China and the demands of the United States on Mexico as examples to avoid.

Russia Needs Capital.

Ratovsky, the "Ukrainian Lenin," says smilingly that Russia must have capital—must have it to help the world. But Ratovsky understands the danger of allowing creditors to control the customs duties and the treasury. That means banker control of government—which means empire.

Therefore, a commission of experts must find another basis of credit.

The Russians suggest a guarantee of profits, giving large concessions for exploitation, without title.

If the Russian plan is accepted, there will be no excuse for empire.

English Common Sense.

The English seem clearly to be in favor of the Russian plan. Lloyd George is bound that the conference will succeed.

The Russians seem strong because there is at present harmony in their ranks. They have nothing to lose. Certain it is that they will not yield to the nationalization of all property. The British explain of other parts of the revolution against property in such a way that the Soviet government cannot be expected to succumb completely to nationalization.

Frost Cuts Western Md. Peach Crop 40 Per Cent

BALTIMORE, April 22.—Forty per cent of the peach crop of Western Maryland was probably destroyed by the frost Friday night, and the remainder of the crop, which was not yet in the orchards, is in other parts of the State, it was said last night by Dr. T. B. Symons, director of the extension service of the Federal Agricultural Experiment Station of the University of Maryland, at College Park.

Dr. Symons based his estimate on reports from fruit growers throughout the State. No damage was reported from the Eastern Shore. Snow at Hancock and in the vicinity of Hagerstown and the formation of ice on the buds caused serious loss.

Professors of Russia Get Two Cents a Month

LONDON, April 22.—Russian university professors look upon their American conferees as bloated plutocrats. The average salary of the professor in Russia is 10,000 roubles a month—something less than two cents—Professor Archibald Cory Collidge, of Harvard, said in a message received by the American Relief Association.